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PERFORMANCE OF BSNL LANDLINE AND MOBILE SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) since when BSNL mobile tower started functioning in Mohammadi, district Khiri, Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the number of registration of prepaid Sim Cards after the functioning of mobile tower and the dates of registration;

(c) the number of Sim Cards distributed so far after registration;

(d) whether G.M., Khiri allegedly in connivance with private companies has brought BSNL landline and mobile services to a sorry state of affairs; and

(e) if not, the reasons for the pitiable service being provided by the BSNL landline and mobile services?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) The Mobile Tower of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) at Mohammadi, district Khiri, Uttar Pradesh is functional since June, 2004.

(b) The registrations were opened on 15th July, 2004 and the numbers of applicants for Prepaid SIM cards at Mohammadi are 1340.

(c) 317 Prepaid SIM cards could be distributed till 29-09-2004 when further release of SIMs were stayed by Hon`ble Court of Civil Judge, Junior Division Mohammadi on 04-10-2004. Since the vacation of the stay in January, 2005, the remaining connections are under release. All registrants are expected to be provided connections by this month end.

(d) & (e) The Lakhimpur Kheri Telecom District has shown positive growth over the past three years although there has been shift in the choice of subscribers to wireless services compared to landline. It has been generally in accordance with the industry trends and as such no material evidence is on record to substantiate the allegation against the officer.